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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR AMBASSADOR LODGE

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1. PARA 1-C GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL SHOULD BE REVISED AS
FOLLOWS: "UNITED STATES WILL NOT SUPPORT AND DOES NOT
BELIEVE WESTERN EUROPE SHOULD SUPPORT ANY PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT IN WHICH COMMUNISTS HAVE POSITIONS OF SIGNIFI-
CANCE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS TIME FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES
AND THE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN THE ARMED FORCES TO FORCE
THE COMMUNISTS OUT OF POWER. THEIR PRESENCE WOULD ONLY BE
DESTRUCTIVE OF THE VERY ENDS THE OTHERS ARE TRYING TO
ACHIEVE. THE COMMUNIST RECORD IN PORTUGAL AND ELSEWHERE
REFLECTS NO GENUINE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.
MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNISTS IN POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE IN
PORTUGAL WILL, IN OUR OPINION, BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE
INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGAL, TO THE FUTURE OF

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DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN PORTUGAL, AND WILL ALSO

REPRESENT A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR BOTH SPAIN AND ITALY.

2. PARA 3-B THE WORD "REFORMIST" SHOULD BE DELETED. KISSINGER

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